

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 23, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

The present Amendment revises the title as suggested in section 1 of the Office Action.

The present Amendment also corrects informalities noted in section 2 of the Office Action (although it is believed that the informality identified at line 3 of page "5" appears instead at line 3 of page 7).

The present Amendment also revises independent claims 1 and 7 in response to the rejections for indefiniteness in sections 5 and 6 of the Office Action. In addition, the Amendment makes other changes in the claims to improve their form under US claim-drafting practice.

Finally, present Amendment adds new claims 13-17 to further protect the invention. All the new claims are dependent except for claim 13, which is independent.

Section 8 of the Office Action rejects independent claims 1 and 7 for anticipation by US patent 6,083,009 to Kim et al. This reference will hereafter be called simply "Kim" for the sake of convenient discussion. For the reasons discussed below, it is respectfully submitted that all of the independent claims now pending in this application are patentable over Kim.

Kim's Figure 2 illustrates a mobile telephone network 208 that permits a mobile station 208a to communicate with a public switched telephone network 212 or a karaoke service server 204. A karaoke device 202 is connected to a mobile station 208a (column 4, line 17-21). The construction of karaoke device 202 is shown in Figure 3 of the reference.

Kim's karaoke device 202 includes an external output terminal (not shown) for connection to a TV receiver 214 and an audio system 216 (column 4, lines 50-58).

Independent claim 1 is directed to "A cellular telephone" that comprises "conversion means for converting image signals and/or sound signals into TV broadcasting signals" and "transmission means for transmitting for transmitting TV broadcast signals to a TV receiver." Kim does not disclose such a cellular telephone. What Kim discloses is a mobile station 208a that is connected to a karaoke device 202 (column 4, lines 17-22). Kim's mobile station 208a is separate from and not included in his karaoke device 202. Furthermore, Kim's karaoke device 202 is connected to TV receiver 214 via an external output terminal (column 4, lines 52-56), and an ordinarily skilled person would likely conclude from this that Kim's external output terminal is connected to a cable that feeds signals to Kim's TV 214. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that even Kim's karaoke device 202 is missing the "transmission means for transmitting the TV broadcasting signals ..." that is recited in claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by independent claim 7 is patentable over Kim for reasons along the lines discussed above with respect to claim 1.

New independent claim 15 is also directed to "A cellular telephone". The body of claim 15 recited features not found in Kim's mobile station 208a. In addition, claim 15 provides that a microphone of the cellular telephone is used both during a telephone call and during a karaoke mode. In contrast, Kim's Figure 3 shows that Kim's karaoke device 202 employs a microphone 307 of its own (not a microphone in Kim's mobile station 208a).

Published US application 2003/0109219 to Amselem fails to remedy the deficiencies of the Kim reference.

The remaining claims depend from the independent claims discussed above and recite additional limitations to further define the invention. It is therefore respectfully submitted that they are patentable along with their independent claim and do not need be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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